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TRAVEL BEVERAGE CONTAINER
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Serial No. 10/633,799

Dear Sir:

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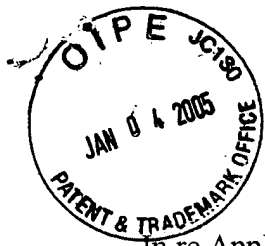
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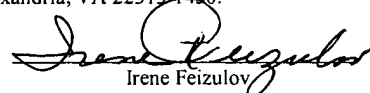
Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated December 9, 2004, in which the examiner required restriction to one of the following groups of claims:

- I. Claims 1-10, drawn to a beverage container having valve assembly including a manual operated actuator mechanism, classified in class 220, subclass 715.
- II. Claims 11-17, drawn to a beverage container having a valve assembly including a valve seat and valve member, classified in class 220, subclass 303.
- III. Claims 18-22, drawn to a beverage container having baffle structure for inhibiting rapid flow of the beverage, classified in class 220, subclass 719.

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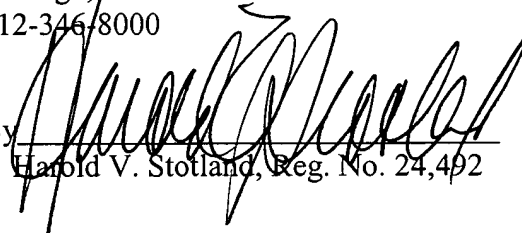

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In response to this requirement, applicants elect claims 1-10 of Group I, for further prosecution on the merits in this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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